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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: MAY 26 AFTERNOON SESSION:
CONTINUATION OF GENERAL DEBATE

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 26 SSOD
GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED WITH SPEECHES BY AMB RAMPHUL OF
MAURITIUS, SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ROMULO OF THE
PHILIPPINES, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BOUCETTA OF
MOROCCO, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADAMOU OF NIGER,
AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL M'BOW OF UNESCO. CHILEAN AMBASSADOR
DIEZ EXERCISED A RIGHT OF REPLY TO AN EARLIER STATEMENT
BY BOLIVIA. END SUMMARY.

2. SSOD GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED ON THE AFTERNOON OF
MAY 26 WITH A SPEECH BY AMB TO THE UN RAMPHUL OF
MAURITIUS. RAMPHUL SAID THAT THE DISARMAMENT DECADE
SEEMS SO FAR "TO DESERVE THE NAME OF ARMAMENTS DECADE."
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HE DECLARED THAT THE "ARMS RACE CONTINUES TO SPIRAL
UNABATED," AND HE LAID "PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY" ON THE
"MOST HEAVILY ARMED COUNTRIES WHICH MAINTAINED THE
ARMS RACE AND DETERMINE ITS DYNAMISM." RAMPHUL
ASSERTED THAT THE ARMS RACE "CONSTITUTES THE MAIN
OBSTACLE TO DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS." HE SAID THAT THE ARMS
RACE "IS IN TOTAL INCOMPATIBILITY WITH THE EFFORTS AIMED

AT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ORDER." RAMPHUL ALSO ASSERTED THAT "NO DISARMAMENT OR DISARMAMENT-RELATED MEASURE SHOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL OR ECONOMIC FUTURE OF NATIONS." HE GAVE STRONG SUPPORT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY BOARD OF EXPERTS ON DISARMAMENT, AND HE SUGGESTED THAT ITS ORGANIZATION BE SIMILAR TO THE COMMISSION ON DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: "SOME 28 EXPERTS, APPOINTED FOR PERHAPS FIVE YEARS AT A TIME."

3. SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ROMULO OF THE PHILIPPINES SAID THAT "SPACESHIP EARTH IS BEING PACKED WITH NUCLEAR DYNAMITE, IN THE NAME OF SECURITY." HE WARNED THAT "SOONER OR LATER ON EARTH'S ORBITING COURSE, THOSE EXPLOSIVES ARE BOUND TO GO OFF THROUGH ACCIDENT, MISCALCULATION OR BY DESIGN WITH INCALCULABLE RESULTS FOR ALL HUMAN LIFE." ROMULO APPLAUDED THE DECISION NOT TO DEPLOY ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPONS, BUT HE DEPLORED THE "LACK OF UNDERTAKINGS TO REFRAIN FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW GENERATIONS OF HEAVIER, MORE ACCURATE MIRVED BALLISTIC MISSILES AND OF CRUISE MISSILES." HE OBSERVED THAT "IF VERTICAL PROLIFERATION CONTINUES, SO DOES HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION," AND HE ASSERTED THAT "NO UNDERTAKINGS HAVE BEEN FORTHCOMING TO SUSPEND SALES AND DELIVERY OF NUCLEAR

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REPROCESSING PLANTS WITH CAPABILITY FOR CONCENTRATION OF WEAPONS-GRADE MATERIAL, NOR TO FOREGO SUCH ARRANGEMENTS IN THE FUTURE." ROMULO SUGGESTED THAT "THERE IS NOTHING TO PREVENT ONE OR ANOTHER MAJOR POWER FROM ANNOUNCING DURING THIS SESSION DEFINITE STEPS" AND THAT SUCH STEPS "MIGHT WELL INCLUDE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF A CUTOFF IN THE PRODUCTION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIALS FOR WEAPONS PURPOSES; A REDUCTION IN THE STOCKPILES OF SUCH MATERIALS; A MORATORIUM ON THE PRODUCTION OR DEPLOYMENT OF ANY NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS OR THEIR TESTING; DESTRUCTION OF STOCKPILES OF NERVE GAS WEAPONS AND A MORATORIUM ON ALL NUCLEAR TESTS PENDING A COMPREHENSIVE BAN." ROMULO WELCOMED THE 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S REQUEST THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL "INITIATE A STUDY ON THE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY," AND HE "URGENTLY" SUGGESTED THE "FORMATION OF A WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE STUDY OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL." HE STRONGLY ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL OF THE NETHERLANDS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT ORGANIZATION. ROMULO BELIEVED THAT SUCH AN ORGANIZATION SHOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERSIGHT, FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF REVIEW CONFERENCES,

FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION MEASURES, AND FOR PROVIDING A CLEARING HOUSE FOR VERIFICATION INFORMATION FROM SATELLITES. HE ALSO ASSERTED THAT THE DIVERSION OF HUGE QUANTITIES OF MATERIALS TO ARMS PRODUCTION 'CAN ONLY BE SEEN AS AN UNCONSCIONABLE INDULGENCE IN THE FACE OF WORLD NEEDS," AND HE

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SUPPORTED THE SUGGESTION THAT A "CONSCIENCE" TAX OF A "SMALL PERCENTAGE OF ARMS EXPENDITURES OF THE MILITARILY SIGNIFICANT POWERS BE EXACTED AND DEVOTED TO DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. . . ." HE HOPED THAT THE "VERY IMPORTANT INITIATIVE WITH RESPECT TO DEVELOPMENT OF A SATISFACTORY INSTRUMENT FOR STANDARDIZED REPORTING ON MILITARY EXPENDITURES OF MEMBER STATES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF REDUCTION OF ARMS BY THE BUDGET-CUT APPROACH, AND THAT THE ENVISAGED PILOT TEST OF THE REPORTING INSTRUMENT WILL SOON BE CARRIED OUT."

4. MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BOUCETTA OF MOROCCO HOPED THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION WOULD MAKE THE MAJOR POWERS MORE AWARE OF THEIR "SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY" IN DISARMAMENT. HE DEPLORED THE MIDDLE EAST ARMS RACE, AND HE ASSERTED THAT TYHE SPECTER OF THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY ISRAEL ENDANGERS INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND

SECURITY. HE ALSO WARNED OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ATTEMPTS
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TO OBTAIN NUCLEAR WEAPONS. BOUCETTA COMPLAINED THAT THE AFRICAN CONTINENT WAS THREATENED WITH GENERAL DESTABILIZATION BECAUSE OF COMPETITION AMONG GREAT POWERS, AND IN REFERRING TO THE RECENT FIGHTING IN ZAIRE, HE QUOTED KING HASSAN II'S DEFENSE OF THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ZAIRE. HE EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT THE MEDITERRANEAN WOULD BECOME A "LAKE OF PEACE," AND HE HOPED THAT THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR WOULD REMAIN A "ZONE OF INNOCENT PASSAGE." BOUCETTA PROPOSED THE CREATION UNDER UN AEGIS OF A COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND TO ALGERIA AND MOROCCO TO RENOUNCE INCREASES IN MILITARY POTENTIAL AND TO MONITOR AND EVALUATE THE ARSENALS OF EACH. HE MADE THE USUAL LINKAGE BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. HE CALLED FOR AN END TO HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, AND HE SAID THAT ALL STATES WHO ADHERE TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO THE FULL BENEFITS OF THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. HE PRAISED THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO, AND HE WELCOMED THE INITIATIVE OF EGYPT AND IRAN TO MAKE THE MIDDLE EAST A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. BOUCETTA CALLED FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF A WORLDWIDE INFORMATION CAMPAIGN TO INFORM PEOPLE ON DISARMAMENT.

5. MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADAMOU OF NIGER GAVE A PESSIMISTIC SPEECH IN WHICH HE SAID THAT THE DISARMAMENT "PICTURE REMAINS DESPERATELY GRIM." HE DEPLORED THE EFFECTS OF THE ARMS RACE ON DEVELOPMENT. HE ASSAILED THE GREAT POWERS, AND HE UNDERLINED THE "INCOMPATIBILITY OF THE ARMS RACE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER." ADAMOU CALLED FOR A STRENGTHENING OF THE UN'S ROLE IN DISARMAMENT THROUGH A "DEMOCRATIZATION" OF THE DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING PROCESS, AND HE
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SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL DISARMAMENT FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT.

6. DIRECTOR-GENERAL M'BOW OF UNESCO MADE A VERY GENERAL STATEMENT IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM ARMS TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE ASSERTED THAT ALL THE PROBLEMS IN ESTABLISHING A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER ARE

INEXTRICABLY LINKED TO PROBLEMS OF DISARMAMENT. HE
DEPLORED THE FACT THAT EXPENDITURES ON ARMAMENTS EXCEED
THOSE ON EDUCATION, AND HE CALLED FOR GREATER EFFORTS
TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ON QUESTIONS OF DISARMAMENT.

7. CHILEAN AMBASSADOR DIEZ EXERCISED A RIGHT OF REPLY
TO AN EARLIER BOLIVIAN COMMENT ON ACCESS TO THE SEA.
DIEZ DECLARED THE BOLIVIAN STATEMENT TO BE "COUNTER-
PRODUCTIVE" AND ASSERTED THAT THE ONLY POSSIBILITY FOR
A SOLUTION LIES IN REOPENING THE DIALOGUE. DIEZ CALLED
FOR A SPIRIT OF CALM AND CONCILIATION. YOUNG

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